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REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Previously, claims 1-18 were pending.

This amendment amends independent claim 1 to include the recitations of claim 10 and intervening claims 8-9. This amendment also amends claim 11 to be in independent form including the recitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 8-9. Claims 8-10 have been canceled.

The Official Action objected to the specification for not including section headings. Responsively, the specification has been amended.

The Official Action objected to claim 5 for not further limiting the claim from which it depended. Responsively, the dependency of claim 5 has been amended.

The Official Action rejected the originally filed claims under §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. More specifically, the Official Action noted that claim 1 recited rotational velocities of 1/N rotations per day and (N+1)/N revolutions per hour.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the recitation to 1/N revolutions per hour. This is supported by the specification. See at least specification page 2, line 30. In

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view of the claim having been corrected, withdrawal of the enablement requirement is solicited.

The Official Action rejected claim 14 under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Responsively, this claim has been amended so as to remedy the stated basis of rejection. Therefore, withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection is solicited.

Claims 1-4, 6-9, and 12-18 stand rejected as obvious over MCGARVEY 5,586,089.

In order to put the case in condition for allowance, the recitations of claim 10 have been included in claim 1. Similarly, claim 11 has been amended to be in independent form. As these claims were not substantively rejected, they are believed to be allowable and therefore the case is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R.§1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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